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BERLIN RIAS (RADIO IN AMERICAN SECTOR) IN GERMAN 1750 6/17

(EDITOR'S NOTE: OTTO NUSCHKE WAS INTRODUCED FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH THE REMARK THAT HIS VOICE WAS BEING BROADCAST "BECAUSE WE DO NOT WISH TO WITHOLD FROM YOU THIS TELLING DOCUMENT OF POLITICAL SHAMELESSNESS." NUSCHKE SAID IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS THAT HE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED.

(TEXT) Q--WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN THE EAST SECTOR?

A--FAVORABLE.

Q--WHY?

A--BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE REALIZE THAT ERRORS HAVE BEEN MADE.

Q--YOU MEAN THE HIGH NORMS IN THE EAST ZONE?

A--THAT HAS BEEN REPEALED LONG SINCE.

Q--HOW THEN DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR THE PARTICIPATION BY THE WHOLE POPULATION IN THE EASTERN ZONE?

A--BECAUSE "TRIBUNE" (EAST BERLIN TO PAPER) PRINTED MATTERS TO THE CONTRARY.

Q--WHAT DID THE PAPER SAY?

A--IT SAID THAT THE REPORT WAS INCORRECT AND THAT THE HIGHER NORMS REMAINED IN FORCE.

Q--WHEN DO YOU THINK YOU WILL REGAIN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION IN THE SOVIET SECTOR?

A--WE HAVE GOVT IT UNDER CONTROL.

Q--HOW DO YOU RECONCILE THAT WITH THE STATE OF EMERGENCY?

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Q--WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DEMAND BY THE EASTERN ZONE POPULATION FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNMENT?

A--THE POPULATION DOES NOT DEMAND IT.

Q--WHO DOES?

A--SOME DEMONSTRATORS, DO MANY AMONG THEM WEST BERLINERS.

Q--YOU TRAVELLED ALL DAY THROUGH THE EAST SECTOR?

A--YES, ALL DAY LONG.

Q--(ARE THE DEMONSTRATORS WEST BERLINERS UNBKT?)

A--NOT AT ALL. I PASSED ALONGSIDE THE DEMONSTRATORS FROM HENNIGSDORF FOR HUNDREDS OF YARDS. MY HOME IS OUT IN HENNIGSDORF.

Q--AND YOU THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL WEST BERLINERS, DIDN'T YOU?

A--NO. THERE WERE NO WEST BERLINERS AMONG THEM.

Q--WHAT THEY?

A--IT WAS AN ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION.

Q--HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR THE SOVIET TANKS AND THE SHOTS FIRED BY THE SOVIET OCCUPYING POWER IF IT WAS AN ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION?

A--THAT WAS ONLY THE CASE WITH THE MIXED PROCESSION WHICH BROKE WINDOW PANES EVERYWHERE, SMASHED DOORS, AND SO FORTH. OF COURSE YOU CANNOT TELL THE EXACT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE COMING FROM EAST OR WEST BERLIN. THEY DO NOT HAVE DIFFERENT FACES OR A DIFFERENT COLOR OF THE SKIN, SO YOU CANNOT REALLY TELL THEM APART.

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Q--DOES THE GOVERNMENT AGREE TO THE USE OF SOVIET ANKS IN EAST BERLIN?

A--OF COURSE.

Q--WHY OF COURSE?

A--BECAUSE IT IS INTERESTED IN THE RESTORATION OF CALM AND ORDER. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH THE HELP OF THE POLICE, THE OCCUPYING POWER--ANY OCCUPYING POWER--MUST, OF COURSE, USE ITS POWER.

Q--DOES THAT MEAN THAT THESE TANKS MAY FIRE THEIR GUNS?

A--THEY DID NOT FIRE THEIR GUNS. ALL THE TANKS DID WAS TO DEMONSTRATE, LIKE THE DEMONSTRATORS.

Q--HOW DO YOU KNOW?

A--I WAS THERE.

Q--WHERE?

A--IN THE STREETS. I SAW THE TANKS PASS ME.

Q--WHERE ARE ULBRICHT, PIECK, AND GROTEWOHL AT THIS MOMENT?

A--PIECK IS IN THE SOVIET UNION ON HOLIDAY. I DO NOT KNOW WHERE HERR GROTEWOHL OR HERR ULBRICHT ARE.

Q--ARE THEY IN BERLIN?

A--OF COURSE THEY ARE IN BERLIN.

Q--WHAT ARGUMENTS ARE YOU GOING TO USE IN YOUR DEFENSE BEFORE THE POLITBURO ON YOUR RETURN?

A--I DO NOT HAVE TO DEFEND MYSELF BEFORE THE POLITBURO.

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